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committees and it's your sub-committee bill and I would yield to Senator Schmit and ask him to explain the bill and carry it from here on.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. The interim study committee held several hearings across the state. We took testimony from a number of witnesses. Without exception, there is general agreement that there was need for this kind of development fund. As a result of testimony, the bill was drafted. At the hearing, there were 19 witnesses in support of the bill. There was no opposition. We did not want to hurry into the program so we did not ask for a lot of money, only \$20,000 to set the fund up with the idea being that the machinery would be organized for the implementation of the fund. After we have done that, the Legislature can come back in another year and decide to what extent they want to fund the program. I think Senator Kremer has adequately expressed the feelings of both committees and his explanation of the bill and I move the bill be advanced to E & R.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Question's been called for. Those in favor of advancing LB975, vote aye. Those opposed, vote nay. Senator Whitney voting aye. Have you all voted? Clerk will record. The bill has advanced. The next bill is 975A. Clerk will read the Title.

CLERK: Read 975A. There are no committee amendments or other amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kremer.

SENATOR KREMER: Mr. Chairman, the A bill to LB975 does not provide for any funds to carry out the provisions to the bill. It does, however, provide....we thought we should provide an A bill because it is required that machinery be set up to activate this bill and it will take some personnel. Priorities have to be set up, the machinery has to be put into gear and it's the opinion of the fiscal analyst who will take about \$20,000 to do this. So, this is what the \$20,000 is for, to set the machinery running and does not fund the bill, as Senator Schmit has already indicated. That has to come by an appropriation by the Legislature but this does set up the machinery that puts this in operation. I move the advancement of the A bill.

PRESIDENT: Any discussion? Those in favor of advancing LB975, vote aye. Those opposed, vote nay. Have you all voted? Clerk will record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, no nays, 22 not voting, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. The next bill is LB739. Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Clerk and Senator Rasmussen indicated to me that three bills LB646, LB873 and LB771 have to do with bills that should be expedited. As Senator Rasmussen has a bill LB873 which he wants to amend. So I ask unanimous consent we refer back to Select File to consider these three bills. They think they're quite important and they ought to be moved on and expedited.

PRESIDENT: Is there any objection? To going back to Select File? I hear no objections.

CLERK: First one on Select File is LB646. There are E & R amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Cavanaugh.

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